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## STRATEGY FOR FY 1976 KIQ # 4

KIQ #4: In the Sino-Soviet relationship, what are the capabilities, intentions, and expectations of the two sides -- conflict, confrontation, accommodation, or continued uneasy stalemate?

## I. COLLECTION AND PRODUCTION NEEDS:

A. Needs pertinent both to collection and production:

1. How do the Soviets and the Chinese each now view their triangular relationship with the US? How does each perceive the leverage to be distributed, and on what issues?

2. How will the US withdrawal from Indochina affect Sino-Soviet competition in these areas? How, particularly, will the USSR and China each perceive its various equities and opportunities in Korea and in Japan?

3. What sources and mechanisms does each side have to view, evaluate, and influence the other?

a. How confident are the Soviets in their knowledge of the precise locations of Chinese missile sites and how confident is each party of its information on the pace of the other's weapons development?

b. What views of the other party are held by key individuals and groups in the Chinese and Soviet leaderships? What elements in the Chinese leadership might prefer a more balanced relationship with the US and the USSR? /C

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Target 3.4

B. Collection needs: With respect to 3.b. above, however, there is

much greater need to collect new information to enrich further analysis.

~~In this period of internal conflict and impending succession in China, particular who in the Chinese leadership, on what issues, and with what influence~~  
importance attaches to additional information on the views of Chinese leaders about relations with the USSR and the US, and draw US policy conclusions.

## II. ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITMENTS:

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A. Collection:

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B. Production:

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3. CIA:OCI ~~and OSR~~ will provide current intelligence analysis on Chinese and Soviet intentions and expectations of the US; OSR will provide analysis of ~~any~~ new developments in the Sino-Soviet military balance. OPR will produce three papers defining likely <sup>limitations</sup> ~~possibilities~~ to any improvement in Sino-Soviet relations under varying sets of circumstances: The Pro Soviet Sentiment in the PRC; Chances of Sino-Soviet Reconciliation after MAO's Death; The Sino-Soviet Relationship in Chinese Succession Politics.

4. DIA will analyze ~~any~~ significant developments in the Sino-Soviet military balance.